

FISCAL NOTE

HB 244 - SB 347

February 6, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies civil penalties under the authority of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission when a newspaper or other print media is found to have committed an unlawful discriminatory act as follows:

- First Offense: With no prior unlawful discriminatory practices - a written finding and reprimand.
- Second Offense: With one unlawful discriminatory practice in a two year period preceding the filing of the complaint constituting the second offense - a fine not to exceed \$500.
- Third Offense: With two unlawful discriminatory practices during the three year period preceding the filing of the complaint constituting third offense - a fine not to exceed \$2,500.
- Fourth and Subsequent Offense: With three or more unlawful discriminatory practices during the five year period preceding the filing of the complaint constituting the fourth or subsequent offense - a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes revenues from the collection of penalties from violations of this act would not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director